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A. Introduction

Claims 1-20 are pending and under consideration with claims 4 and 7-20 withdrawn.

In the Office Action dated March 6, 2008 ("the Office Action"), claims 1-3, 5, and 6 were rejected as anticipated.

In response and without conceding to the merits of the rejection, the claims have been amended to recite the general inventive concept with increased clarity. No new matter is presented.

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are requested.

B. Rejection under 35 USC §102(b)

Claim 1-3, 5, and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,674,470 to Tanaka et al. "Tanaka." The rejections are traversed for at least the following reason. None of the references cited by the Examiner discloses or suggests all of the limitations now present in independent claim 1.

Independent claim 1 currently recites "wherein the full-face signal line serves as a light shielding film and has an opening corresponding to a light receiving surface for every pixel." Tanaka, as relied upon by the Examiner to reject original independent claim 1, is limited to a light shielding film with apertures. See Tanaka, FIG. 35. The present general inventive concept eliminates the need for a light shielding film and thereby provides the benefits of, *inter alia*, simplification of wiring and reduction of pixel size.

Accordingly, Tanaka fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations recited in independent claim 1 and this claim is not anticipated by Tanaka. Likewise, claims 2, 3, 5, and 6, which depend from independent claim 1 and include all of the limitations of independent claim 1, are not anticipated by Tanaka for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to independent claim 1. Thus, withdrawal of these rejections and allowance of claims 1-3, 5, and 6 are earnestly solicited.

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C. Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, there being no other objections or rejections, this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

Respectfully submitted,
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